GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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USE OF EMPTY MINES
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to fill up the empty mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Ministry of Mines has introduced the concept of progressive mine closure plan and final mine closure plan for proper reclamation and rehabilitation of the area held under mining lease with effect from 10.4.2003.

(b) Every mining lessee has to submit a progressive and final mine closure plan. In the progressive mine closure plan, the mining lessee has to indicate the protective, reclamation and rehabilitative measures to be taken progressively and in final mine closure plan such measures to be taken after the cessation of mining operations. Every lease holder has to furnish financial assurance to the competent authority and if the mining lessee does not carry out protective, reclamation and rehabilitative measures as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, the financial assurance can be realized by the State Government to carry out the requisite protective measures in the area held under mining lease.

(c) In view of (b) does not arise.